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SUBJECT: FRANCO-SOVIET TALKS ON COOPERATION: THE GRANDE
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REF: (A) PARIS 17075; (B) PARIS 32406 (DEC. 19, 1973);

(C) PARIS 17367.

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. NINTH MEETING OF THE FRANCO-SOVIET
GRANDE COMMISSION CONCLUDED ON A PUBLICLY OPTIMISTIC
NOTE WITH GRAND DESIGNS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION PROJECTS
BUT ONLY ONE CONCRETE DECISION -- THE SIGNING OF A
PROTOCOL EXTENDING NUCLEAR COOPERATION. BOTH GOVERNMENTS
DECLARED THEIR INTENT TO REALIZE SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL
PROJECTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION BY FRENCH FIRMS OF
COMPLEXES TO PRODUCE AMMONIA AND ALUMINIUM. PRESS
QUOTES SOVIET SIDE AS HOPING THAT IN FUTURE THE TWO
COUNTRIES CAN COOPERATE IN JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF MANU-
FACTURING PLANTS FOR NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER
COMPONENTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. ALUMINUM AND AMMONIA PLANTS: AT FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 12 VLADIMIR KIRILINNE, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND JEAN-PIERRE FOURCADE, FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE, ANNOUNCED THAT FRENCH INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS WOULD CONSTRUCT IN USSR TWO PLANT COMPLEXES, ONE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF AMMONIA, THE OTHER FOR ALUMINUM. SUBSEQUENT PRESS REPORTS STATE THAT PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR CREUSOT-LOIRE TO CONSTRUCT AN AMMONIA PLANT AT TOGLIATTIGRAD WITH A PROPOSED CAPACITY OF 1.8 MILLION TONS PER YEAR OF WHICH FRANCE WOULD RECEIVE SOME 300,000 TONS AS PART PAYMENT. SECOND PROPOSED PROJECT IS SAID TO BE CONSTRUCTION BY PECHINEY UGINE KUHLMANN OF A COMPLEX FOR PRODUCING ALUMINIUM WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT ONE MILLION TONS PER YEAR. FOR ITS PART THE FRENCH WOULD RECEIVE SOME 60 TO 70,000 TONS PER A CAPACITY OF ABOUT ONE MILLION YEAR OF FINISHED ALUMINUM. THIS FRENCH ACCEPTANCE OF PARTIAL REPAYMENT IN PRODUCTION IS SIGNIFICANT AND FOLLOWS THE PRECEDENT SET IN THE 1973 CONTRACT WITH LITWIN (REF B).

3. FUTURE HOPES: UNDER CONSIDERATION IS COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR AND COMPONENT EQUIPMENT. KIRILINNE IS QUOTED AS EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THE ONGOING COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BE MORE HIGHLY RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS. HE ENVISIONS THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION OF PLANTS FOR MANUFACTURING NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH FRANCE, FIRST FOR LIGHT WATER REACTORS AND LATER ON FOR FAST-BREEDER REACTORS. IN ADDITION THE SOVIETS ARE SAID TO BE ANXIOUS TO CONDUCT JOINT STUDIES WITH THE FRENCH ON FOURTH GENERATION COMPUTERS AND TO HAVE BUILT IN THE USSR A PLANT FOR MANUFACTURING COMPUTER COMPONENTS.

4. FRENCH AND SOVIET EXPERTS WILL BE MEETING IN THE COMING MONTHS TO RENEW BY AUTUMN THE AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION OF 1969, WHICH

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EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EAST EUROPE OMNES TOLD US THAT THE SOVIETS PRESSED FOR A NEW FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE FRENCH RESISTED, POINTING OUT THAT A NEW AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE AS DETAILED AS THE 1969 ONE BECAUSE OF COMMON MARKET REGULATIONS.)

5. KIRILLINE SAW FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING FOR 45 MINUTES TO DISCUSS BILATERAL COOPERATION.

6. NUCLEAR PROTOCOL TO EXTEND 1967 AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REPORTED (REF A).

7. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO OUR OBSERVATIONS AND A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL DEALING WITH SOVIET SCIENCE COOPERATION (MAISONNIER), THE FRANCO-SOVIET TALKS DID NOT BREAK NEW GROUND. IN REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTING ALUMINUM AND AMMONIA PLANTS, MAISONNIER COMMENTED THAT

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THE CONCERNED FRENCH FIRMS HAVE YET TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS EVEN ON COSTS, THUS INDICATING THAT THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE THE PROJECTS CAN GET UNDERWAY. A DREE OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT THE ALUMINUM AND AMMONIA PROJECTS ARE STILL IN NEGOTIATING STAGE.

8. ALTHOUGH A MAJOR AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WAS RUMORED, IT APPARENTLY DID NOT COME TO FRUITION. CONCEIVABLY THE FRENCH COULD BE BARGAINING THEIR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AGAINST A MORE FORTHCOMING SOVIET

ATTITUDE ON SELLING THEM OTHER ENERGY PRODUCTS.

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